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The EXAMINER.

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——*Vicinia tota reclamat.* Horace.

To the *EXAMINER* of *Great Britain.*

SIR! *Hague, May* 19.

'NOW the Bloodieſt *War*, that ever In-
'feſted *Europe*, is happily at an End,
'the *Paper-War*, as Dreadful as any that
'ever Infeſted the Common-wealth of
'Letters, ought at the ſame time to
'draw towards a Concluſion. *Whig* and *Tory* croſs'd
'the Channel many Years ago, and made large Excur-
'ſions into theſe *Provinces*; whence they are now ex-
'tending their Forces beyond the *Rhine*, and, in Con-
'junction with the *Plague*, may probably give a con-
'ſiderable Diverſion in *Germany*. You have ſo often
'and ſo handſomely excuſed the Subjects of this *State*
'for falling in with the *Whig-Intereſt*, that I need uſe no
'Apologies with you, for the Zeal and Vehemence we
'have hitherto expreſſed for that Party. It was ſo In-
'different a Matter to us, how little we contributed to
'the *War*, and how much we got by it, how many
'Branches of her Trade *Great Britain* would be pleaſed
'to Complement us with, and how Rich and Formi-
'dable they intended to make us, that out of pure Com-
'plaiſance to ſuch *Good Allies*, we grew perfectly Care-
'leſs of ſeveral Important Points; we ſuffered them
'to mark out a *Barrier* for us quite to the Walls of
'*Paris*, we permitted them to Fight four or five very
'pretty Battles, and to take many ſtrong Towns, for
'the Advancement of our Intereſt and Glory: And in
'Return for theſe Civilities, we could do no leſs than
'aſſiſt them in the ſpending of *Seven* or *Eight Millions*
'a Year, deliver them from the frightful Apprehen-
'ſions of the *Gertruydenberg Peace*, ſupport them in the
'true Profeſſion of the *Good Old Republican Scheme*, by
'ſeconding their Attacks upon the *Prerogative*, oblige
'them with as many *Colours* and *Congratulations* as they
'pleaſed to accept, and engage our Word and Honour
'to accept of the Office of *Guardians* and *Adminiſtra-*
'*tors General*, to take care of their *Effects*, and ſee their
'*Will* executed, either before they were Dead, or after-
'wards, according as we in our Wiſdom ſhould think
'fit. Upon this Foot ſtood the Alliance between us;
'but ſince they have ſo often violated their *Bonâ Fide*,
'and fail'd of performing the many Projects and Un-
'dertakings, concerted between their *Leaders* and the
'*Truſty* and *Well-beloved* whom you know and have
'ſeen; ſince they have permitted themſelves to be made
'a *Defeated*, *Ruin'd Party*, and thereby to become un-
'worthy the Friendſhip of thoſe, who have ſo juſtly
'taken upon them the *Stile* and *Title* of *High* and
'*Mighty*; ſince they go on to Oppoſe and Villifie a
'*Peace*, which we, in Conjunction with *Her Britannick*
'*Majeſty*, have thought fit to Conclude and Ratifie;
'our Honour, and what is yet dearer to us, our Inte-
'reſt, obliges us to take care of our ſelves, and to treat
'ſeparately for putting an End to the *Paper-War*, with-
'out any regard to a Party, who have been wanting
'to themſelves, who are render'd Uſeleſs and Con-
'temptible, and on that account, as well as by pur-
'ſuing Meaſures deſtructive of the Fundamental Maxims
'of this *State*, have withdrawn themſelves from our
'Friendſhip, and Uſurped upon us in aſſuming the old
'Titles of *Poor* and *Diſtreſſed* belonging to this Repub-
'lick: So that they are now out of the Queſtion, and
'in as fit a Condition to be left by us, as any other
'Body of Men whom we ever gave up, when it was no
'longer worth our while to ſtand by them. In order
'therefore to prevent the further Effuſion of *Chriſtian*
'Ink, and Devaſtation of Paper, I apply to you as one
'of the *Principals* in the Controverſie, for procuring,
'with all convenient ſpeed, a *Ceſſation* of *Pens*, where-
'by all Acts of Hoſtility may ceaſe, and a Treaty be ſet
'on Foot, in which the future Tranquillity of the
'Preſs, both in *Britain* and *Holland*, may be eſtabliſh'd.
'We own the Juſtice of Succeſs upon the Goodneſs of
'your Cauſe: You have borne the Brunt of the Argu-
'ment, by the ſingle Dint of Reaſon, againſt all the
'Clamours of the *Whigs* and their *Allies*. We may ſay
'of you, as the Hero does in *Virgil*,

——*Stetimus tela aſpera contra,*
Contulimuſq; manus; experto credite, quantus
In clypeum aſſurgit, quo turbine torqueat enſem.

'But you know the old accommodating Principle of
'*Give* and *Take*; and as we make no doubt but you
'will come into us with all your force againſt the
'common Enemy, *Popery*, we ſhall be ready to concert
'proper Meaſures with you, for recognizing the Title
'of the *Whigs*, as a *Faction*; we ſhall confine our *Gua-*
'*ranty* to the Perſon of the Succeſſor, abſtracted from
'the *Old Miniſtry* (if any Members thereof ſhall be
'found living at the time of a Demiſe) and in imita-
'tion of our Brethren of *Geneva*, we ſhall diſcounte-
'nance *Schiſm* and *Diſſention*, where it is not Eſtabliſh-
'ed. All Lyes, Scandal, and Panegyrick upon the Late
'Men in Power, to be Imported or Exported, ſhall
'henceforward be deemed *Contraband*; the Commerce
'of *News* and *Controverſie* ſhall be regulated to your
'Satisfaction: Your *Exiles* ſhall be deny'd Succour and
'Relief within theſe *Provinces*; and what Accounts are
'ſent over relating to your own Affairs, ſhall be re-
'vis'd according to *Fact*; and it ſhall be lawful for you
'to ſeize and burn ſuch *Pictures* and *Legends* as ſhall
'appear to be *Engliſh Originals*, notwithſtanding they
'are Tranſlated or Copy'd from the *Dutch*. A gene-
'ral *Embargo* ſhall be laid upon all *Hereſie* and *Free-*
'*Thinking*: Whatever Contracts have been made for
'any *Future Revolutions* or *Changes in Government*, ſhall
'be henceforth taken for null and void: No *Reſiſtance*
'or *Rebellion* of the Growth of *Great Britain* ſhall be
'tranſported thither upon *Dutch* Bottoms, nor any
'Schemes or Models, commonly called *Ariſtocratical*,
'Sign'd *Liberty* on the *Reverſe*, be permitted to paſs
'the Channel under ſevere Penalties; and all the *Stray*
'Engliſh *Youth* and their Governors, now under Fo-
'reign Tuition, ſhall, upon producing a Certificate of
'their good Behaviour before they went abroad, have
'the Privilege of being *expelled* our Academies, and
'be ſent home for the benefit of *Travel*.

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'As a Proof of our ſincere Intentions to enter into a ſtrict Alliance with the *Tories*, upon the Terms aforeſaid, and ſuch other Stipulations and Agreements as ſhall be made between the *Authors* and *Writers* engaged in the preſent *Paper-War*, I ſhall now acquaint you with thoſe Exceptions which have been juſtly taken to the Conduct of the *Whigs*; and what thoſe late Proceedings are, which have furniſhed us with a convenient Opportunity to break with them, at leaſt to have no further regard to their Intereſt, in any League or Treaty we ſhall hereafter think fit to enter into.

'We cannot ſufficiently expreſs our abhorrence of their Injuſticee and Treachery, in attempting to Pin us down to the *Houſe of Auſtria*, and deprive us of our natural Freedom to make a Peace for our ſelves, and the majority of our Allies, whenever we thought we might do it with Honour and Safety. Whereby we muſt have been put under the fatal Neceſſity of carrying on a bloody expenſive War, of which we could ſee no End, only to gratify the ambitious Deſigns of that aſpiring Houſe, ſo prejudicial to the *Proteſtant Intereſt*, and ſo deſtructive of the *Ballance* of *Power*; ſince, as the *Whigs* their Adherents give out, they are able of themſelves, and without our aſſiſtance, to carry on the War againſt *France* and *Spain* in Conjunction. By all which meaſures, they would have made us Parties to our own Ruin, would have enabled *that Houſe* to diſpute the Poſſeſſion of our *Barrier*, and broke in upon that noble Precedent ſet us at *Ryſwick*, by the Glorious and Immortal King *William*.

'We have ſo much at heart the Intereſt and Security of the *Proteſtant Succeſſion*, that it excites in us the utmoſt Reſentment and Indignation imaginable, to ſee how induſtrious the *Whigs* are, in endeavouring to perſuade the World, that the majority of their Fellow-Subjects, and of thoſe in Power, whence all Laws derive their Being and Authority, are againſt this important Article; and that it ſtands upon no better a Foot than the *Clamours* of a *Faction*, and the ſandy Foundation of a *Ruin'd Party*: An Aſſertion, ſo dangerous in it ſelf, and ſo fully confuted by the whole Conduct of the *Tories*; ſo contrary to thoſe Oaths and Obligations they are under, which none underſtand better, nor more ſtrictly obſerve, and ſo Fatal to that Religion, whoſe Purity they have run ſuch Hazards to preſerve, that as no Rational Man can any longer doubt of their Sincerity, ſo whatever Zeal the *Whigs* may pretend for the *Illuſtrious Houſe* of *Hanover*, they wanted little more than to have this accurſed Rumour generally Believed, in order to give the moſt effectual Blow to that happy Eſtabliſhment; as the readieſt Means to erect their own *Anarchical* Schemes on thoſe Royal Ruins, and ſtrip the *Preſent Miniſtry* of that Hereditary Favour, which their Zeal for *Her Preſent Majeſty* had ſecured and entitled them to, from a Wiſe and Grateful *Succeſſor*.

'The *Peace* we have had ſo great a Share in procuring for our ſelves, and for all *Europe*, is in it ſelf ſo Glorious and Honourable, ſo Beneficial to *Great Britain* and this *State*, that after thoſe mutual Congratulations and Endearments which the *Maritime Powers* had expreſſed towards each other on this Bleſſed Occaſion, we little thought the *Whigs*, our *Old Allies*, would have condemn'd our Conduct in this Affair, and openly ſet themſelves to oppoſe it even after it was concluded, by the meaneſt Artifices, and with all that Rage and Fury, which uſually poſſeſſes a deſperate Defeated *Faction*. It is no ſmall Surprize to us, to hear that they are now labouring to make a Difference between the *Legiſlature* and the *Prerogative*, and to Spirit up the unreaſonable Complaints of a *few Selfiſh Traders*, as a Reaſon for ſetting aſide the Product of the Wiſeſt and Matureſt Counceſs; and which, upon a fuller and nearer View, will appear to be the beſt-laid Scheme that ever was Concerting, for Securing and Augmenting the Navigation, Commerce, and all other Publick Intereſts of *Great Britain*. This Management alone may convince us, that by promoting the Continuance of the War, they had ſomething elſe in View beſides Peace; and that, by Linking this *State* with a *Faction*, they deſign'd in time to draw us into Projects, of too black a Face to be yet openly own'd and avow'd, and ſuch as I dare be confident the Juſtice and Honour of this *State*, join'd to that grateful Affection they bear to your Country, would never have ſuffered them to engage in, upon any the moſt advantageous Terms.

'We account it our eſpecial Happineſs, to have a *Miniſtry* at the head of our Affairs, who had rather depart from ſome Meaſures to which they adher'd but too long, than give up their Poſts and Perſons to the juſt Reſentments of an incens'd People; and who thought themſelves under no Obligation to go along with a *Foreign Faction*, in any of thoſe chimerical, extravagant Adventures, which were undertaken purely to raiſe *One* or *Two Families* upon the Ruins of their own Country; and for accompliſhing which, no preſent Advantage or Offers of the largeſt kind, could acquit us of thoſe odious Imputations of Treachery, Baſeneſs and Ingratitude, which would have ſtuck cloſe to our Poſterity, and perhaps involv'd them in thoſe Difficulties we had brought upon our Neighbours. We therefore think it an ill Return for ſuch Generoſity, that the *Whigs* ſhould now inveigh againſt us and our *Miniſters*, as *Renegado's* and *Deſerters*; eſpecially ſince we have done our beſt to win them over to the ſame peaceable Diſpoſition, and as we went ſeveral Lengths with them, only to gratify their Humour and Ambition, would now uſe our heartieſt Endeavours, to perſuade them to ſubmit to the ſuperior Wiſdom, and Genius of the *Tories*, and to accompany us in our *Reformation*.

Mr. *Examiner!*

'After having laid before you the Reaſons of this great Change, I hope you will no longer doubt of our Integrity in this Affair, and our ſincere Intentions to treat with you, upon the Terms already mentioned. Your Anſwer to the Propoſal is expected, with Impatience, by,

SIR,

Your humble Servant, &c.

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